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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

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Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated September 20, 2004 of which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set. Favorable reconsideration of the above identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.